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0600 Hours

NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER

PRELIMINARY SITUATION REPORT NO 34

BRASS KNOB Missions [REDACTED]
Preliminary analysis of the aerial photography from these missions reveals the following items of interest:

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1. FREIGHTER CARRYING BEAGLE FUSELAGES

A large freighter carrying 4 BEAGLE fuselages and 11 BEAGLE crates exposed on deck was observed approximately 3.5 nautical miles offshore from Guanabo (23-10N 82-08W). The ship is on a northeasterly course.

2. SAN JULIAN AIRFIELD

No aircraft or crates are observed here.

3. BANES PORT

Four KOMAR-class PGMG and 2 patrol craft observed. No apparent change noted in facilities since [REDACTED]

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4. CARDENAS PORT

No vessels observed and no unusual activity noted.

5. CAIBARIEN PORT

No large vessels observed. Numerous small craft present.

6. CASILDA PORT

Numerous small craft observed. Photographic coverage is incomplete.

7. CIENFUEGOS PORT

A large freighter is either loading or unloading. Other vessels include 2 Kronstadt-class patrol craft, 3 motor torpedo boats, 2 patrol craft and 4 coastal freighters. No apparent change noted in port facilities from [REDACTED]

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8. LA ISABELA PORT

Only small craft observed. No military activity noted.

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9. MARIEL NAVAL PORT

Ten BEAGLE crates and 5 BEAGLE fuselages along with numerous vehicles and equipment are at Mariel City Pier. No loading observed. One large freighter is at Mariel City Pier and another is at La Boca Pier. Other vessels include 7 KOMAR-class PGMG, 2 patrol frigates and 2 motor torpedo boats.

10. MATANZAS PORT

Vessels include 3 large freighters, one of which has 4 large hatches, and one tanker. All of these ships are at the North side of the bay, the only part visible. Clouds preclude further interpretation.

11. NUEVITAS PORT

No vessels observed and no military activity noted.

12. SANTA BRIGIDA, MILITARY ACTIVITY

No report. Area is cloud-covered.

13. SANTIAGO DE CUBA PORT

One tanker, one freighter, 7 barges, 3 patrol craft and numerous small craft observed. No apparent change in facilities noted from

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14. CASILDA MISSILE EQUIPMENT AREA

The number of vehicles and equipment remains unchanged from

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15. REMEDIOS AREA MILITARY CAMP

The vehicle count remains unchanged from

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STATUS OF MISSION READOUT

PI readout of Missions is approximately 70 percent complete.

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